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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

H I S M A J E S T Y

On Friday the Twenty sixth Day of November, 1762.

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His Majesty's

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

Ashley Cowper,

Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Jovis, 25^o Novembris, 1762.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

Permit us, Sir, to take this earliest Opportunity, to entreat Your Majesty to accept our most sincere and fervent Congratulations on the Birth of an Heir to Your Crown, which adds to Your Majesty's Domestick Happiness, and endears Your Royal Consort to the People of these Realms; and promises, that, under a Prince formed to the Arts of Government by Your Majesty's Royal Example, the Civil and Religious Liberties, the Glory, the Commerce, and the Power of *Great Britain*, will be transmitted to Posterity.

It is with the utmost Gratitude that we acknowledge Your Majesty's unwearied Attention to the Prosperity and Happiness of Your People; which made Your Majesty constantly solicitous, even amidst the Glory of Your Victories, to deliver them from the Burthens of War, by a just and honourable Peace. At the same Time, we cannot but admire the Wisdom, which pointed out to Your Majesty the most vigorous Efforts, as the surest Means of procuring this Blessing for Your People.

We beg Leave to offer to Your Majesty our humble Congratulations on the signal Successes, which have attended Your Majesty's Arms in the Course of the present Year; on the Reduction of the strong Island of *Martinico*; on the Conquest of the *Havannah*, the Bulwark of the *Spanish* Colonies, and on the Acquisition of so much Treasure, and of so great a Part of the *Spanish* Marine; on the many Advantages obtained in *Germany* over the Arms of *France*, although superior in Numbers, by the able Conduct of Your Majesty's General Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brunswick*, and by the Valour of the Troops under his Command; and on the Preservation of *Portugal* from the Dangers which threatened instantly to overwhelm that Kingdom, and which could not have been so long withstood, but by the Firmness of its Sovereign, by the military Talents of the Reigning Count *La Lippe*, and by the Valour of the Troops employed in that Service. These Atchievements must be acknowledged to be equal to whatever has been performed in any former Year, even of this prosperous War; though a new Enemy necessarily made our military Operations more extensive, and added new Difficulties to those we struggled with before: Atchievements which reflect the highest Honour on the Councils that planned them, on the Commanders who carried them into Execution, and on the Fleets and Armies, whose Intrepidity no Dangers could dismay.

Allow us to express, in the most fervent and grateful Manner, our Joy and Congratulations, that, by these repeated Efforts, Your Majesty has at length compelled Your Enemies to consent to Terms of Peace; as well as to offer to Your Majesty our sincere Thanks, for Your having informed Your Parliament, that Preliminary Articles are already signed by Your Majesty's Minister, and by those of *France* and *Spain*; for Your Majesty's most Gracious Assurances, that You will cause these Articles in due Time to be laid before them; and for the Lights Your Majesty has been pleased to give concerning the Conditions of them, which afford to Your People the fairest Prospect of future Happiness, Prosperity, and Security.

Your Majesty may be assured, that we will not fail on our Part, to take, as soon as possible, into our Consideration, the proper Methods for the Settlement of our new Acquisitions; for improving their Commerce, and thereby rendering them useful to the Mother Country. Truly sensible of the Merits of those gallant Men, by whose Valour these Acquisitions have been made, we shall be ready to concur in every reasonable Proposition for rewarding them; lamenting at the same Time, as we do, the Loss of so many of our Fellow Subjects, by which the national Strength is greatly impaired. We cannot sufficiently admire that Wisdom, which seized the fortunate Hour of reaping the Advantages of our Victories, while we were yet on the Summit of our Glory, and before we had experienced any Reverse of Fortune. In grateful Return for those many Blessings, which Your Majesty's Royal Wisdom and Fortitude have procured for us, Your Majesty may depend on our warmest Zeal, on our constant Endeavours to promote that Unanimity Your Majesty recommends in all our Proceedings, and on our Attention to those Measures of Oeconomy, which are the peculiar Business of Times of Peace, and which alone can relieve Your Majesty's faithful People, from the oppressive Burthens of so long and so expensive a War.

His MAJESTY'S most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

THIS very affectionate and loyal Address gives Me the truest Satisfaction. I thank you heartily for it; as well as for your Congratulations on the Birth of the Prince, My Son; and for the Regard you express, on this Occasion, for the Queen.

The chearful and steady Support of My Parliament, throughout the War, has been attended with uninterrupted Success: And the Ratification of the Preliminary Articles will, I trust, soon be followed by the Completion of the Peace on safe and honourable Conditions.

My only Wish is, and ever will be, to promote the lasting Happiness, Prosperity, and Security, of My faithful People.

